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# Dairy Information

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## California's Dairy Landscape Continues to Change Total Number of Dairies Continues Sharp Decline in 2006...

The dairy landscape in California continues to change with dairies relocating within California, to other states, or shutting down. In 2006 (compared to 2005), all three highlighted areas experienced a net loss in the overall number of dairies. Overall, California recorded a net loss of 68 dairies compared to 2005. The number of -39 Dairies dairies in San Bernardino County continued to diminish, recording a net decline of 15 dairies. Merced County decreased its total number of dairies by 22 compared to 2005, the largest net loss recorded by any county in California (followed closely by Stanislaus County, recording a net loss of 20 dairies). The northern California region slowed down for the area's steady decline in total dairies, recording a net loss of **39** dairies compared to **49** in 2005. -15 Dairies Over the past few years, the Valley region (blue shaded area) consistently recorded the largest +7 increases in dairy operations, for example, in 2004, this area gained **36** dairies (compared to 2003). However, this shift of dairy operations relocating to the Valley region over the last few years appears to be changing as this area also recorded a loss of dairy operations in 2005 (-15 dairies). -15 -14 Dairies Sources: CDFA Milk and • The numbers inside the counties indicate the change Dairy Food Safety and Dairy in the number of dairies, 2006 vs. 2005. Marketing Branches Tan areas indicate counties recording no operating Data subject to change. dairies in 2005.



compared to 2005.

· Blue, red, and green shaded-counties with no

numbers indicate no change in the number of dairies

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